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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action dated June 2, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for a reply.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in the application. In addition to this response, a Claim of Priority with a certified copy of the European Patent Application No. 01129171.3, an Information Disclosure Statement with three references has also been submitted to the Patent Office, and an Application Data Sheet listing the residence addresses of the Inventors.